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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).


Application Number	10/099865
Filing Date	March 13, 2002
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Group Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Scott M. Getzow
Attorney Docket Number	279.424US1
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD USING TIME BETWEEN MITRAL VALVE CLOSURE AND AORTIC EJECTION.

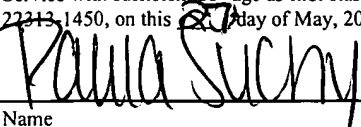
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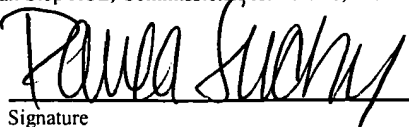
1. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3. ☐ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages ) is enclosed.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney ( pages ) is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pgs.).
  - a. 3 Forms 1449
  - b. 45 Copies of IDS Citations
6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7. ☒ **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8. ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application ( pages ) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
9. ☒ A Communication Concerning Related Applications (2 pgs.).

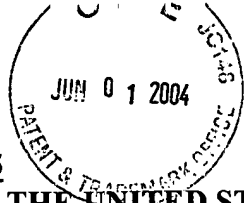
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**S/N 10/099865****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/862,763 6,665,564	May 21, 2001	279.360US1	CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SELECTING A-V DELAY BASED ON INTERVAL BETWEEN ATRIAL DEPOLARIZATION AND MITRAL VALVE CLOSURE
09/995,255 6,597,951	November 27, 2001	279.340US2	AUTOMATIC SELECTION FROM MULTIPLE CARDIAC OPTIMIZATION PROTOCOLS
09/993,351	November 16, 2001	279.487US1	NON-INVASIVE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARDIAC PACEMAKER PACING PARAMETER OPTIMIZATION AND MONITORING OF CARDIAC DYSFUNCTION
10/624,458	July 21, 2003	279.340US3	AUTOMATIC SELECTION FROM MULTIPLE CARDIAC OPTIMIZATION PROTOCOLS

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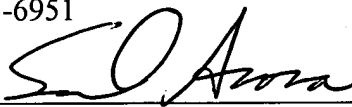
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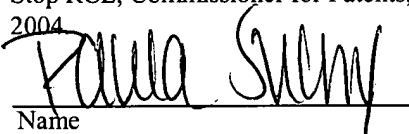
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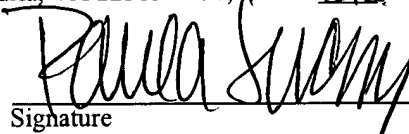
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